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             CONSTANT DELAY NETWORK

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 2 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Fig. 3, comprised of Figs. 3a and 3b, is a low-level block diagram of circuitry contained in the MPEG receiver; and--

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please substitute Fig. 3 with Figs. 3a and 3b.